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SUBJ: U.S. - YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

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1. YUGOSLAV PRESS TODAY FEATURES EXTENSIVE ATTACK ON U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE NOT ONLY ON TOTH CASE BUT OVERALL PRESSURE RE YUGOSLAV NON-ALIGNED POLICY (TEXT OF ARTICLES SENT REFTELS). IF QUESTIONS ARISE IN RESPONSE TO THIS AT NOON BRIEFING JULY 28 OR 29, RECOMMEND WE MAKE TWO POINTS.

2. FIRST: YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS GROSSLY DISTORTED WHAT I SAID AT AIRPORT ABOUT YUGOSLAV-U.S. RELATIONS. EXACT QUOTE IS "WITH THE RELEASE OF TOTH, THE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIS COUNTRY ARE BETTER AND INDEED I WOULD SAY THAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIS COUNTRY ARE BASED ON CERTAIN FUNDEMENTAL, LONG-TERM COMMON INTERESTS." WHOLE POINT OF MY STATEMENT WAS TO INDICATE THAT WITH TOTH

CASE NOW OUT OF THE WAY U.S.-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS SHOULD MOVE AHEAD.

3. SECOND, U.S.- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ARE A SEAMLESS WEB  
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MADE UP OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL INTERESTS00OF BOTH NATIONS.

AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED IN SEATTLE WE ARE CONCERNED THAT NON-ALIGNMENT SHOULD BE "GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT" AND ARE CAREFULLY WATCHING THE OUTCOME OF COLOMBO, THIS FALL'S UNGA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IN THIS LIGHT. INEVITABLY WHAT BOTH YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES DO ON MATTERS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO EACH OF US IN THE MULTILATERAL DIMENSION WILL AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CASE.

4. WE SHOULD, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO REITERATE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA AS THE PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS ALREADY DONE THIS WEEK. (I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR ATTACHES TO MAKE A SPECIAL POINT IN THEIR MEETINGS WITH YUGOSLAV MILITARY THIS WEEK OF SAYING THAT WHATEVER ELSE HAPPENS U.S. SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND SPECIFICALLY OUR DESIRE TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.) AT THE SAME TIME WE SHOULD AVOID EMPTY STATEMENTS ABOUT THE SUPPOSEDLY FRIENDLY AND UNTROUBLED QUALITY OF U.S.- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. WE SHOULD ADMIT THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS BUT STRESS THAT WE ARE STRIVING TO CREATE A "MATURE RELATIONSHIP WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT BOTH COUNTRIES' INTERESTS AND CONCERNS".  
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